

September 14, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

FROM : Director of Operations

SUBJECT : Demonstration Protesting U.S. Intervention
in Vietnam

1. According to a very reliable source, the Communist Party and other organizations are continuing their efforts to force the United States to change its present policy toward Vietnam. In order to accomplish this end the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, an organization which includes Communist Party, U.S.A., and the Socialist Workers Party members, is planning a massive demonstration at Washington, D.C. on the weekend of October 21, 1967. The aforementioned committee plans to set up a temporary office in Washington, D.C. in order to prepare for the demonstration.

2. This same source further reports that during the October 21 demonstration in Washington, D.C., attempts will be made to cause disturbances at both the Pentagon and Selective Service Headquarters.

3. Dave Dellinger (per sources report dated August 22, 1967), Chairman of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, stated on August 18, 1967 that the October 21 demonstration will be a protest of the war in Vietnam; will be designed to "obstruct the war machine"; and may involve new techniques of civil disobedience. According to Dellinger, the demonstrators "are prepared to go to jail or pay whatever price necessary to fulfill our objectives." He declined to be more specific concerning the "new techniques" of civil disobedience but stated the goals of the demonstration included: release of "political prisoners" arrested in riots in Negro ghettos; dismissal of the "frame-up charges" against H. Rap Brown; support of draft resisters, including Cassius Clay; and transfer of funds being used in Vietnam to a "massive decentralized program of aid" to America's poor.

4. In the writer's opinion, it is possible that the October affair may include planned demonstrations and/or picketing of the Parent Organization and its local installations. In order to obtain advance knowledge of activities directed at the Parent Organization, you are requested, if possible, to very tactfully and discreetly determine the following through available covert assets:

- a. Location and description of the Committee's temporary office.
- b. Names and biographic data on the individuals primarily responsible for the planning of the demonstration and other related activities.
- c. Source of funds for the demonstration and related activities.
- d. Names, addresses and biographic data on the participants, if available.
- e. Names and addresses of participating organizations.

5. Needless to say, information developed regarding the aforementioned requirements will require a great deal of initiative and attention on your part. In this connection, you can be rest assured that this covert exercise has the approval and the attention of certain high level officials in the Parent Organization.

6. You are requested to keep me or my Deputy currently advised of all developments in this operational matter. If you have any questions in regards to the foregoing, please advise as soon as possible.

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